amount was paid to the State Government. The question of shortfall in the payment to the Government of Maharashtra does not arise as the net proceeds have been distributed in accordance with the provisions of the above mentioned Act and Rules.

Recovery of Amount Looted from the Punjab National Bank, Ludhiana

832. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a considerable amount out of Rs. 5.70 crores looted from the RBI Chest in the Punjab National Bank, Ludhiana, has been recovered in the course of investigations and searches; if so, how much amount has been recovered and what are the details of the persons apprehended in connection therewith; and

(b) what further action is being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) have reported that cash and movable and immovable properties, amounting in all to Rs. 94.41 lakhs approximately have been recovered and 22 persons have been arrested in connection with the incident of looting from Punjab National Bank, Ludhiana. The CBI have further reported that the case is still at the investigation stage.

Opening of Branches of Nationalised Banks in Orissa

833. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of branches of nationalised banks that are proposed to be opened in tribal and backward areas of Orissa during the year 1988; and

(b) what is the target of Government in this regard for the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Under the current Branch Licensing Policy covering the period 1-4-1985 to 31-3-1990, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allotted 183 centres (upto 31-12 1987) to commercial banks in various districts including the tribal and backward districts, in Orissa. District-wise details of these allotments are indicated below:—

District	No. of centres allotted
1. Mayurbhanj	14
2. Keonjhar	12
3. Bolangir	14
4. Koraput	17
5. Kalahandi	7
6. Phulbani	12
7. Dhenkanal	3
8. Balasore	9
9. Ganjam	23
10. Puri	22
11. Sambalpur	21
12. Sundargarh	12
13. Cuttack	17
TOTAL:	183

RBI has advised the banks that the branches at the allotted centres should be opened in a phased manner during the remaining period of